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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel T. C. Pinckney
National Security Council
Executive Office Building

SUBJECT : GNP Data for the USSR, Communist China,
North Korea, and North Vietnam

Attached are four tables which present the GNP data you requested on the USSR, Communist China, North Korea, and North Vietnam. These figures are to be taken as "rough estimates" especially in the case of the three Asian countries. They are presented to three or four significant digits, but this is only to facilitate subsequent calculations. It should be noted that the GNP of North Vietnam is supplemented by substantial quantities of military and civilian goods furnished by other Communist countries.

Director
Economic Research

Attachments:
As stated

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GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

Table 1

USSR: GNP Data

<u>Year</u>	<u>GNP (bil 1969 US \$)</u>	<u>Change from Previous Year a/</u>	<u>Population (mil at mid-year)</u>	<u>Per Capita GNP (1969 US \$)</u>
1967	429.2	+6.2%	236.0	1,820
1968	454.6	+5.9%	238.3	1,910
1969	473.2	+4.1%	240.6	1,970
1970	508.0	+7.4%	242.8	2,090

Change in GNP, 1965 over 1960: +32% a/

Change in GNP, 1970 over 1965: +34% a/

a. Based on the GNP series in dollars; a series in rubles would lead to somewhat different percentage changes.

Table 2

Communist China: GNP Data

<u>Year</u>	<u>GNP (bil 1969 US \$)</u>	<u>Change from Previous Year</u>	<u>Population (mil at mid-year)</u>	<u>Per Capita GNP (1969 US \$) a/</u>
1967	100	-4%	783	127
1968	97	-3%	800	121
1969	107	+10%	818	131
1970	119	+11%	836	143

Change in GNP, 1965 over 1960: +11%

Change in GNP, 1970 over 1965: +25%

a. Calculated from unrounded data.

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Table 3

North Korea: GNP Data

<u>Year</u>	<u>GNP (bil 1969 US \$)</u>	<u>Change from Previous Year</u>	<u>Population (mil at mid-year)</u>	<u>Per Capita GNP (1969 US \$)</u>
1967	3.32	+11%	13.0	255
1968	3.68	+11%	13.4	275
1969	3.80	+3%	13.8	275
1970	4.26	+12%	14.2	300

Change in GNP, 1965 over 1960: +40%
 Change in GNP, 1970 over 1965: +21%

Table 4

North Vietnam: GNP Data

<u>Year</u>	<u>GNP (bil 1969 US \$)</u>	<u>Change from Previous Year</u>	<u>Population (mil at mid-year)</u>	<u>Per Capita GNP (1969 US \$)</u>
1967	1.58	-13%	18.9	84
1968	1.54	-3%	19.3	80
1969	1.67	+8%	19.7	85
1970	1.72	+3%	20.1	86

Change in GNP, 1965 over 1960: +23%
 Change in GNP, 1970 over 1965: -12%

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